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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the following documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

As the USPTO has waived the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and patent publication for applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. references are not enclosed, as the present application is filed after June 30, 2003. Copies of the cited foreign patent documents and/or non-patent literature are enclosed.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the following items is that we are advised by our client that

these references were discovered during any searches they or their client had made, or that they were considered in the preparation of the application:

U.S. 3,945,777	U.S. 4,373,535
U.S. 4,747,752	U.S. 3,871,099
U.S. 5,975,537	U.S. 3,869,963
U.S. 5,222,742	U.S. 3,813,086
U.S. 4,461,612	U.S. 4,331,337
U.S. 4,375,891	U.S. 4,426,087
U.S. 5,531,457	U.S. 5,558,341
U.S. 4,884,945	U.S. 4,007,974
U.S. 4,426,161	
DE 3,836,956	EP0581681
GB2109871	EP0803668
GB2076474	EP0995933
EP0875683	JP55119219
GB 2050278	JP7035242
RU2104716	DE3734888
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In addition, the remaining documents are also made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these latter items is that we are advised by our client that these references were cited by the in the corresponding U.K. application. Specifically, EP12702950 and EP1122472 were cited in the corresponding U.K. application.

Note that FR2113492; U.S. 2,137,487; U.S. 5,399,024,
and U.S. 6,435,822 were previously cited in the Information
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Respectfully submitted,

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